

## Art Club, Leadership Class raise funds for Make-A-Wish girl

By CJ Hoover  
Staff Writer

Art students and the Leadership Class have chosen 13-year-old Becky, a Make-A-Wish girl, as their project. They will fulfill her dream by raising money to send her on an unforgettable shopping spree at the Mall of America in Minneapolis.

Becky is a local girl with a life-threatening illness. The Make-A-Wish Foundation has sponsored children like Becky for 25 years.

The Art Department's third annual Silent Art Auction planned to raise at least

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TJC Art Club donates \$1500 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.  
From left: Erin Westmoreland, Liz Ory, Wendy Frizzell (Make-A-Wish Regional Development Officer), June Rotter and faculty sponsor Derrick White.

## Reception to honor students

By Bethany Frank  
Staff Writer

University studies will host an award reception to honor outstanding students at 3 p.m. May 3 in the Apache Rooms. It is a great way for the students to be recognized for their hard work, University Studies Dean Richard Minter said.

Each department in the School of University Studies nominated a student.

They are: Behavioral Science Honors: Shawn Sheffield, Outstanding Psychology Student; Mary

Hale, Outstanding Sociology Student.

Business Honors: Tamara Lee Evans, Austin P. Turner Award for Excellence.

Chemistry Honors: Julia New, Outstanding Chemistry Student.

Education Honors: Chad Atchley, Outstanding Education Student.

Engineering and Physical Science Honors: Howard Stephen Bishop, Outstanding Engineering Student, Sara England, Outstanding Geology Student and Clint Adam Green, Outstanding

Physics Student.

English Honors: Brandye Hughes, Outstanding English Student, Laura Ruth Hutcheson, Outstanding Humanities Student, Ashley Denise Davie, Outstanding Philosophy Student.

Fine and Performing Arts Honors: Alesandra Garcia, Outstanding Band Student, Lauren Snyder, Outstanding Belles Student and Christopher Weldy, Outstanding Music Student.

Foreign Language Honors: Samuel L. Goldsmith,

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## Final Exam Schedule

### Class Time Exam Time Monday, May 8

5:35 & 6 p.m., M	5:35-7:25 p.m.
7 p.m., M	7:35-9:25 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 9

7 a.m., TR	8-9:50 a.m.
9:50 a.m., TR	10-11:50 a.m.
12:40 p.m., TR	1-2:50 p.m.
2:05 p.m., TR	3-4:50 p.m.
5:35 & 6 p.m., T	5:35-7:25 p.m.
5:35 p.m., TR	5:35-7:25 p.m.
7 p.m., T	7:35-9:25 p.m.
7 p.m., TR	7:35-9:25 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 10

8 a.m., MWF	8-9:50 a.m.
10 a.m., MWF	10-11:50 a.m.
12 p.m., MWF	1-2:50 p.m.
2 p.m., MWF	3-4:50 p.m.
2:25 p.m., MW	3-4:50 p.m.
5:35 & 6 p.m., MW	5:35-7:25 p.m.
7 p.m., W	7:35-9:25 p.m.
7 p.m., MW	7:35-9:25 p.m.

### Thursday, May 11

8:25 a.m., TR	8-9:50 a.m.
11:15 a.m., TR	10-11:50 a.m.
3 p.m., MWF	1-2:50 p.m.
3:50 p.m., MW	1-2:50 p.m.
3:30 p.m., TR	3-4:50 p.m.
3:50 p.m., TR	3-4:50 p.m.
5:35 & 6 p.m., R	5:35-7:25 p.m.
7 p.m., R	7:35-9:25 p.m.
8:25 p.m., TR	7:35-9:25 p.m.

### Friday, May 12

7 a.m., MWF	8-9:50 a.m.
9 a.m., MWF	10-11:50 a.m.
11 a.m., MWF	1-2:50 p.m.
1 p.m., MWF	3-4:50 p.m.
1 p.m., MW	3-4:50 p.m.

All weekend classes will have exams during regularly scheduled class times, May 9, 2006. All examinations will be held at scheduled times and in regular classrooms unless a change is approved by the appropriate dean. All exams for second 8-weeks term given at regular time and room on May 11 and 12, 2006.



## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

We write this with deep sorrow as well as hopeful ambitions to inform voters of an injustice about to happen.

The elections being held on May 13 have the potential to be detrimental to extracurricular activities and student life here at Tyler Junior College. We seek to inform the students of Tyler Junior College about the candidates running for the Board of Trustees.

The incumbents holding places five and six are John Hills and Lonnie Uzzell. Running on the same ticket with

them is Mike Coker. In the past they have been supportive of student activities and student life, enhancing all like Midas' golden touch. On another point, it has been noted that Hills and Uzzell have wholeheartedly supported the construction of the new dorms, as well as the construction of the new student center and band hall. As students of TJC, we absolutely endorse the three candidates mentioned before.

Now to the others...

Running against Uzzell, Hills and Coker are three prominent citizens no doubt, but they have long since lost touch with student

life. Running on a platform of not raising taxes are Dr. Don Haygood, Dr. Ken Haygood and Sam Snyder. Their campaign raises the question: where will the money to fund TJC facilities and programs come from. Unfortunately their answer points to program cuts.

It is said by many that Haygood, Haygood and Snyder have no interest in student life or academic excellence. We do not believe that the doctors are interested in the academic growth and expansion of Tyler Junior College as a center of higher education.

The point we try to make is that it would be a detrimental leap backwards in the development of Tyler Junior College to elect the Haygood-Snyder-Haygood slate. It is with the utmost respect to Haygood, Haygood and Snyder, that we must endorse Uzzell, Hills and Coker, if only for keeping TJC a superior place of higher learning, but also to keep student life vibrant and alive.

With positive hopes,  
Royce T. Eller  
and Joseph G. Oswald

## Pop culture influences choices of wardrobe, behavior

By Simon Saleh  
Staff Writer

Fashion has become a huge part of American culture. The social importance of fashion and image for college students has sent them into debt and even taken priority over such school-related tasks such as homework.

Many students find themselves in debt from their spending on clothes, electronics and entertainment as they try to build an image they think they need.

Independent companies now do nothing but get college students out of debt and warn others about the dangers of using credit cards to

spend money they don't have.

"Over 65 percent of college students have credit cards and most of them have or will have long term debt," according to College board.com. American pop culture has somewhat taken over college students' minds, especially women college students.

Some say it begins with celebrities, some blame it on modern, fast-paced lives, but college students are bombarded with images of skinny, beautiful, rich people. They believe they should change themselves to fit this mold. Television, radio, magazines, billboards and the internet make young adults feel bad

about their self-image, then offer an easy fix at a price.

TJC student Jaimie Wies, 18, said, "I feel movies, magazines and Hollywood are starting to have a negative impact on our society."

But that's not the major problem. Fashion companies lead young people to think that if they want to be beautiful, they must act stupid. In what they call a package image, they have given young girls the idea that they must choose: stupid, cute and pretty or smart and unattractive.

Recently the artist Pink wrote a song about this very issue. "Stupid Girls" pokes fun at how many ce-

lebrities gain attention by acting less intelligent than they really are. Pink said, "You don't have to choose between beauty and brains, guys want both."

"I have never met anyone while living in L.A. that hasn't been on a diet at sometime in their life," she said.

More and more celebrities and role models are speaking out to encourage education and diminish the importance of this view of a personal image. The smart solution is to find one's individual talents and strengths and not rely on what a select few say is the "in thing" to do.

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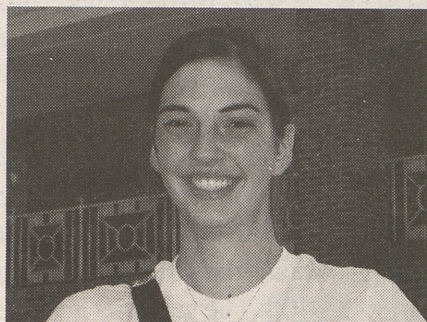
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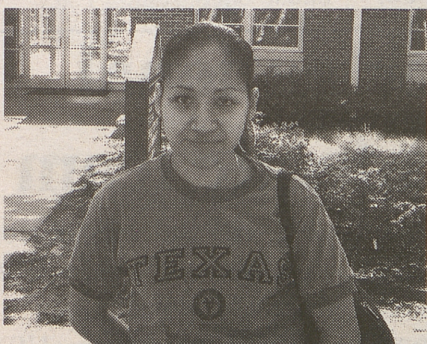
## Campus Focus

### What is your opinion of the proposed immigration laws?



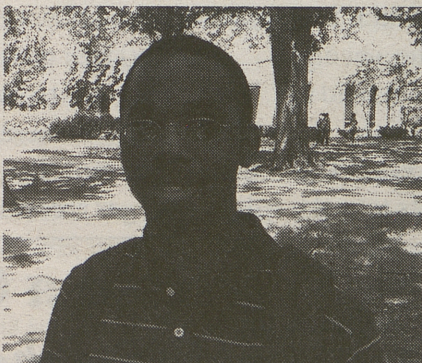
**Nadia Bitar, 20, broadcast journalism major, "If we can't follow the laws that we've made about immigration now, are we going to follow the new laws?"**

**Bradley Brown, 19, general studies major, "I don't think they should be granted amnesty and they should not be granted licenses."**



**Sandra Garcia, 20, paralegal major, "It's fair, but not fair. They come over here and don't pay taxes and don't have to send their kids to the military. I think it's kind of unfair."**

**Keenan Harris, 22, graphic arts and photography major, "I think that it is going to be very hard to get them out, so they are probably going to allow all of them to stay."**



## Illegal immigration becomes hot button issue

By Mikosha Phoenix  
Staff Writer

Illegal immigration has become a major topic across the nation. It is especially important in Texas because, of the estimated 11 million immigrants in the United States, perhaps two million live here.

Recent controversy arose over House Resolution 4437 passed in December to include a temporary guest worker program for undocumented immigrants to work toward citizenship. President George W. Bush supports the first measure, but opposes the earned citizenship, according to cnn.com.

The bill has sparked protests in cities nationwide including Tyler. Students at John Tyler High School marched to Fountain Square downtown March 31. They rallied and waved flags, then peacefully boarded school and city buses to return to classes.

Americans seem to forget that the land we call home is not native to any race or culture except native Americans. Computer science major Sean Joachim, 20, said, "I believe the native Americans called illegal immigration 'white people'." America is called the promised land because of its history founded on migration.

House Resolution 4437 would build fences along 700 miles of the U.S. border of Mexico, according to

cnn.com. It would also increase criminal penalties for illegal immigrants caught inside the United States, make it illegal for organizations such as churches or charities to provide food or medical care to them and increase penalties for employers who hire them. According to the April 3 Newsweek, Senator Hillary Clinton claimed "the bill would literally criminalize the Good Samaritan and probably Jesus himself."

The same Newsweek issue reports 56 percent of illegal immigrants are Mexican. Business major Regina Kelly, 35, said, "Most of the land that the Mexicans are coming to used to be a part of Mexico anyway. They are taking it back, not politically, but in numbers."

Those against illegal immigration claim aliens hurt the economy and put a strain on hospitals and the public school system.

Illegal immigration may not result in the effect politicians seek. Increased border security will make it harder to enter the nation, but it will also make "coyotes," those who smuggle migrants into the country, more attractive and more expensive.

Republican Congressman Tom Tancredo said, "Illegals are a scourge that threatens the very future of our nation," according to Newsweek.



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## Graduation rehearsal gives students valuable information

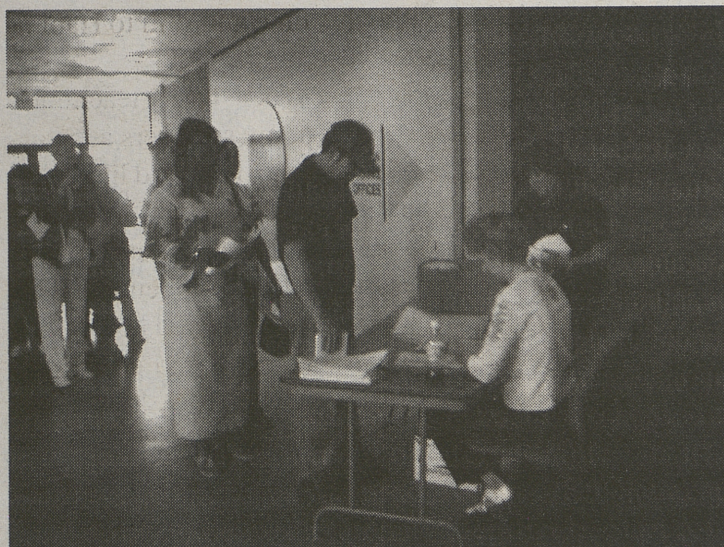
By Miranda Nelson  
Editor

Students planning to attend the graduation ceremony are required to be in Gentry Gym at 9 a.m. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. in Wagstaff Gym.

Students wanting pictures in their cap and gown should be at the gym at 8:30 a.m. Delk Photography will be at the gym to take pictures. Information about photo packages and proofs can be found at [www.delkphoto.com](http://www.delkphoto.com).

"There have been 546 students to apply for graduation and 317 have signed up to participate in the ceremony," Graduation Specialist Denny Yarborough said.

Caps, gowns and invita-



Students register for the ceremony and receive their invitations.

tions were handed out at the rehearsal. Anyone who did not attend rehearsal can pick up their cap, gown and invitations at the registrar's office.

"The diplomas will be mailed approximately six

weeks after the Deans have checked to see if graduates met all the requirements," Registrar Trey Hattaway said. Students who have a change of address should notify Yarbrough at 903-510-2709.

Photo by Miranda Nelson

## Make-A-Wish

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\$1,500 for Make-A-Wish, Art Instructor Derrick White said. In previous years the art auction raised money for art scholarships, but this year the art students decided to help Becky. Funds left over from the Make-A-Wish gift will provide art scholarships.

The auction was a success with 80 works on display.

"All but three of them sold," White said. "We raised approximately \$2,100, with pieces of art ranging from \$2 to \$70."

The Art Club will deliver their \$1,500 check to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"The Leadership Class plans to donate approximately \$3,500. Their original goal was only \$1,500,"

Business Management Instructor Don Blaine said. The class selects and completes a project to learn management skills.

"The project was decided on their own. I never force a project upon them," Blaine said.

The students have done car washes and other fundraisers. The first car wash raised more than \$400. The students hope to involve the Student Senate and local radio and television stations in the project.

"Becky actually came to the Leadership Class and the students were able to connect with her," Blaine said.

The project goal is to bring TJC students and faculty together and work as a group for a worthy cause each year.

## New campus group encourages volunteering

By Kelly Dry  
Staff Writer

Student Outreach Services, a new campus organization, is still recruiting more members.

"The organization's main objective is to provide services to the school and the community through volunteerism," Sponsor Stephanie Lassanske said. This organization is open to all students and any major, especially those interested in a "helping profession," she said.

Those who plan to participate in S.O.S. must be enrolled at TJC, maintain a 2.0 grade point average and accumulate eight hours of community service per semester.

The group meets the second Wednesday of each month in spring and fall semesters. For more information, contact Social Work Instructor Lassanske at 144 Jenkins Hall or 903-510-2463.

## 2 students selected for national Phi Theta Kappa academic team

By Kelly Dry  
Staff Writer

Two TJC students were selected for the 2006 USA Today All-Academic College Teams in Phi Theta Kappa. Christopher Lee was named to the second team, and Sarah Mayfield to the third team.

"In the past 12 years TJC has had 12 students to make the USA Today All-Academic College Team," Phi Theta Kappa Adviser Cathryn Cates said.

The USA Today All-Aca-

ademic College Team recognizes 60 outstanding two-year college students, selected from 1,500 applicants, each year. The first, second and third teams consist of 20 members each.

"The 20 first team members receive stipends of \$2,500. All 60 members of the Academic Team and their colleges receive exten-

sive national recognition through coverage in USA Today," Cates said.

Phi Theta Kappa, USA Today and the American Association of Community Colleges sponsor this program annually, looking for students who have a minimum 3.25 grade point average and graduate with an associate's degree.

**Have a Great Summer!**  
*From the TJC News Staff*



## Dean Richard Minter to retire after 37 years at TJC

By Miranda Nelson  
Editor

From teaching drafting and design to administering for an entire school, Richard Minter has, for 37 years, enriched the lives of students and faculty at TJC. Minter will retire at the end of this year.

Born in Oakwood, a small town between Palestine and Buffalo, Minter spent most of his formative years in Freeport, south of Houston.

Minter earned a bachelor's degree in industrial arts education and a master's degree in industrial education at Sam Houston State University.

He followed that with graduate studies at University of Texas at Tyler, Texas A&M Commerce and also did some doctoral studies at East Texas State University, now Texas A&M - Commerce.

In Houston, Minter

worked in a couple of drafting jobs, he said, before he entered the military to serve in Vietnam. After the war, Minter returned to Port Arthur to teach junior high school before going back to college to earn his master's degree.

In the fall of 1969, Minter returned to East Texas to teach drafting at TJC. Four years later, he became the dean of technology. In 1985, Minter moved to a new role as dean of program development and institutional research. After 10 years, he was hired to be dean of university studies.

"It is the best administrative job on campus because you get to know the faculty and the students," Minter said.

When asked about any special awards he had received, Minter was too modest to drop names.

"My special award is staying here and being in-

involved with the students. That's where my reward comes in, association with others and helping. Awards beyond that don't go very far," he said.

He praises TJC highly. Despite offers from other colleges, he said he has never been tempted to work elsewhere.

"TJC is unique among community colleges. We have a very balanced program here. Everything works together and it's a good place to work. We're a family here. We look out for one another and I had no desire to leave that," Minter said.

Now, three years past the traditional age of retirement, Minter wants to take advantage of the time left to him.

"If I'm going to enjoy retirement, I'd better go on and start," he said.

He plans to spend more time with his grandchildren in Florida and finish

projects around the house. He also plans to contribute his time and skill to Habitat for Humanity.

"When I was teaching I spent my summers as a carpenter, so I would like to go back and do that," he said.

He talked about the what he loves about being a dean.

"I've enjoyed being with the students and going into classrooms to do faculty evaluations," Minter said. "Coming into the classrooms to listen to good faculty teach and get to know some of the students is one of the joys of my job."

Minter's employees praise him for his humanity and his excellent skills as an administrator and they are sad to see him go.

"He's a great person. I have a lot of respect and admiration for him," Geoffrey Willbanks, social sciences department chair, said. "He's very understand-

ing and a very thoughtful person."

"We're really going to miss him. In the relatively short time he's been Dean of University Studies, he's brought a lot of balance to what we do, which I think is very important," Willbanks said.

Dr. Alan Barnes, interim English language studies department chair said, "He is a man of great integrity and character who stands by his beliefs. He puts out fires easily and I'm very sorry he's leaving."

Music Department Chair Dr. Cheryl Rogers has known Minter more than 30 years. She is his cousin.

"He's always been a hard worker with personal integrity," Rogers said. "He is easy to talk with, a problem solver and is open to new ideas. He has always been a great supporter and advocate for TJC."

## Government offers tips to students traveling abroad

By Jennifer Salsgiver  
Staff Writer

As students plan summer travel, the United States Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs advises a few important travel tips.

Individuals are highly recommended to carry a signed, valid passport while in a foreign country. Although they may not need a passport to enter a foreign country, to re-enter the United States, a passport is the best proof of citizenship.

Other documents to

prove U.S. citizenship are a birth certificate plus valid government-issued photo identification such as a driver's license.

To apply for a passport for the first time, applicants must appear in person at one of 7,000 passport acceptance facilities in the U.S. They must bring two square-inch professional passport photographs, proof of U.S. citizenship and a valid photo ID. Federal, state and probate courts, county and municipal of-

fices, post offices and public libraries can be passport acceptance facilities.

Travelers should check the website [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) to locate the nearest acceptance facility in their area.

Individuals who must travel within two weeks or who need a visa can schedule an appointment at the Houston Passport Agency to obtain a passport overnight. HPA is one of 13 regional passport agencies in the U.S.

Each foreign nation re-

quires different entry documents. Country specific information is available on [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov).

Before departure, travelers are advised to view "Public Announcements" which "provide fast-breaking information about relatively short-term conditions that may pose risks to the security of travelers," according to the Bureau of Consular Affairs.

The Bureau "recommends U.S. citizens defer travel to a country because

of dangerous conditions," when the nation is listed on Travel Warning.

Travelers should leave copies of their itinerary, passport data page and visas with family or friends at home. They should obtain international medical insurance which will cover them overseas and study the laws, customs and culture of the countries they plan to visit before they travel.

To avoid becoming a target for thieves, travelers

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## Bruckwicki to leave Scholars

By Anthony Williams  
Editor

As they file in one after another, many with lunches in hand, Scholars Academy Coordinator Joan Bruckwicki begins to address the students in the weekly Scholars seminar. It's a sight Bruckwicki, who is leaving the Academy after five years at its helm, will miss.

"I've loved it. It's been a very gratifying experience," Bruckwicki said.

A Stephen F. Austin State University graduate, with B.A. and master's degrees in education, Bruckwicki started teaching at TJC in 1991.

She first came to Scholars when she taught honors English in spring 2000 before she replaced Judy Turman as Academy coordinator that fall.

Bruckwicki will return to teaching English classes here this fall, "which I

love," she said. "I feel like I'm returning to what I do best."

As head of Scholars Academy, Bruckwicki has been responsible for recruiting, scheduling classes and teaching English and leadership courses, as well as counseling students one-on-one.

"I'm going to miss the students, to be able to get to know them so closely," Bruckwicki said.

She also helped students direct several volunteer projects, including the Academy's annual participation at Smith County's Relay for Life.

"I ran into someone and told them I was leaving and they said, 'Oh, no, we can't have Relay without your kids!,'" Bruckwicki said. "We always came away with a feeling of being instrumental in pulling that off."

Looking back, Bruckwicki fondly recalled taking Scholars students to an honors convention in Fort Worth, where they competed in a college bowl-type game.

"The students were fantastic," she said. "They competed with other four-year schools and held their own. It was good to see them excited."

Scholars faculty say Bruckwicki will be hard to replace.

"Under her leadership the program really took off," History Instructor Gene Kirkpatrick said. "We were able to offer a full array of classes, and she really got students involved in community endeavors. She's just an excellent example of calm leadership."

"She puts a lot of her personal time into it, and that's what it needs," Art Instructor Barbara Holland said.

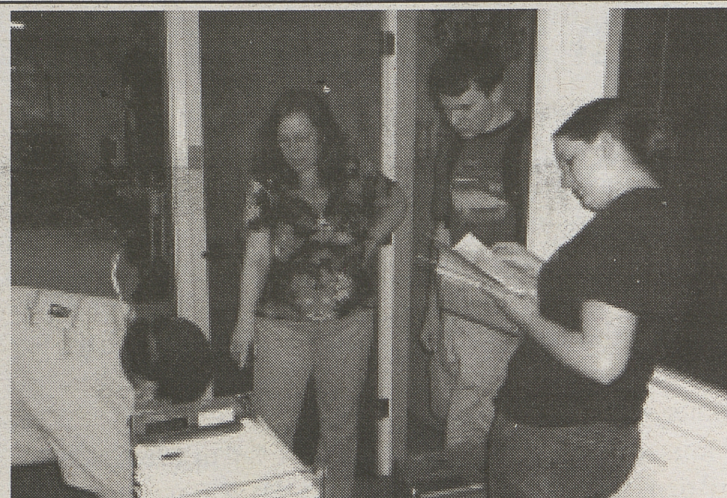


Photo by Anthony Williams

Joan Bruckwicki (2nd, l) helps students (l to r) Justin Bridges, Matt Skillern and Jennifer Clakely with a project in the Scholars Loft.

"She's largely responsible for the growth and success of the program. She's open-minded, easy to talk to about what you want to do and an excellent problem-solver. I'm going to miss her, personally."

Bruckwicki, mother of Sam, 13, said she will remember the bonds formed in the Academy.

"So many students have developed real life friendships, lasting long after being here," Bruckwicki said. "We're even having some marriages."

Bruckwicki said she hopes for Scholars to continue and become stronger, "with more students developing a love of lifelong learning."

## Interpreters deliver lessons to deaf students

By Melissa Kiser  
Staff Writer

Interpreters provide deaf students equal access to what is being said and heard in class, Dr. Judy A. Barnes, sign language and interpreting department chair, said.

"American sign language is almost backward to English. Interpreters have to know a lot of information, have a vast knowledge of English and be able to read sign language," she explained.

TJC employs 13 interpreters and transliterators, some of them TJC graduates. Interpreters have com-

pleted a degree program or a certificate of proficiency and have passed the state board exam. The exam consists of written and video testing, which includes being filmed while signing.

Men and women are needed to become interpreters and transliterators. TJC offers an associate degree program in conjunction with University of Texas at Tyler that leads to a master's in deaf education.

For more information about interpreting, contact Dr. Barnes at 903-510-2774 or e-mail her at jbar@tjc.edu.

## Travel

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should not wear expensive jewelry or carry excessive amounts of cash or unneeded credit cards. While abroad, the Bureau suggests American travelers "deal only with authorized agents," to exchange money so they don't break local laws.

Other advice includes "avoid using illicit drugs or drinking excessive amounts of alcoholic beverages, and associating with people who do. When overseas, avoid demon-

strations and other situations that may become unruly or where anti-American sentiments may be expressed."

About 1,000 Americans are arrested overseas each year for drug use. According to the Bureau of Consular Affairs, "many countries have stiff penalties for drug violations and strictly enforce drug laws." U.S. citizens in a foreign country must submit to the laws of that country.

Many countries do not provide a jury trial or accept bail. U.S. citizens are sub-

ject to the foreign government and when arrested, the U.S. consular officer does not have power to get an individual out of jail or out of the country.

U.S. citizens are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in the nation they are traveling to. This free service aids about 200,000 Americans yearly, "who are victims of crime, accident or illness, or whose family and friends need to contact them in an emergency," according to the Bureau.

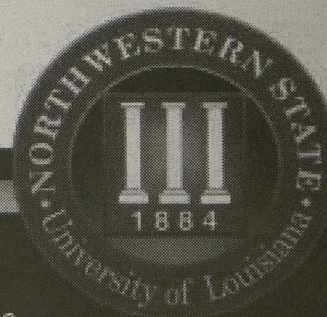




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# Annual International Day brings world closer to home

By Lady Redding  
Editor

About 3,000 students, faculty and guests attended International Day's cultural exhibitions, food, entertainment, games and lectures in the Apache rooms of Rogers Student Center.

Students displayed artifacts, dress and other cultural items representing more than 50 nations and cultures in booths they created and managed.

Performances represented many nations: Pakistani, native American and Turkish dance, music from China, Trinidad and Tobago, performed by TJC Band members and an international talent and fashion show. Special exhibits featured calligraphy and Islamic arts, Mercy Ships of Texas and native American culture.

Students from area elementary schools joined TJC students and Tyler area residents. "It was a lot of fun to visit the booths when the children were around," Sophomore Devon Thompson said. "You could tell they were excited to be there."

They enjoyed the live performances. "The Pakistani dancers were beautiful," Freshman Rachel Wood said. "I think it was eye-opening to see such a beautiful thing come from an area most Americans are convinced is ugly and dangerous."

Other performers in-

cluded the "Nigerian Diamonds," Bryant Huey with a Jamaican dance, salsa, cumbia and bellydancers and Chuvash Russian folk dancing.

Government Instructor Dr. Manoucher Khosrowshahi brought International Day to TJC 14 years ago to help students learn about the world around them. The event has grown over the years, involving more students and visitors from Tyler and nearby towns.

Students came for varied reasons: some required to attend by their teachers or offered extra credit, others for the food and performances. But once inside, they opened up and eagerly participated in activities.

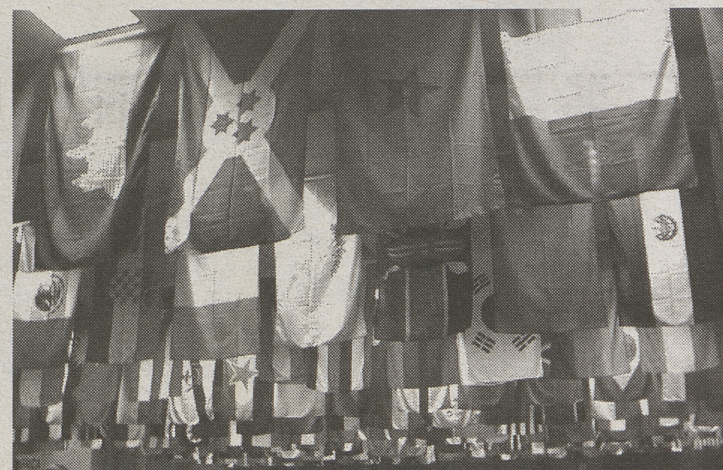
"At first, I was kind of annoyed that I had to spend my afternoon here, but I've been here for two and a half hours now and I am planning to stay until the last performance," Freshman Tony Rieght said.

The Day provided a startling reminder of how fortunate, and, at times, how

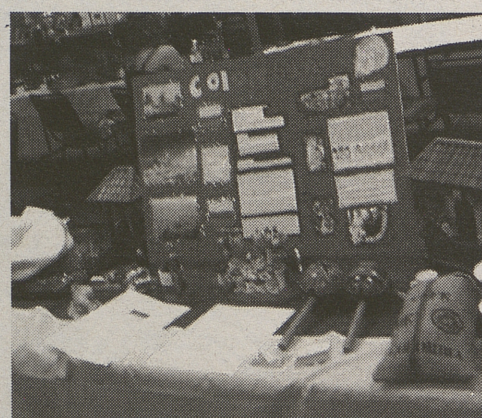
isolated Americans are. If the world's population were shrunk to the size of a village, six percent would possess 59 percent of the wealth and all six of them would be from the United States.

Eighty percent would live in substandard housing and 50 percent would suffer from malnutrition. Only one percent would have a college education or own a computer. These harsh statistics hit home with many students.

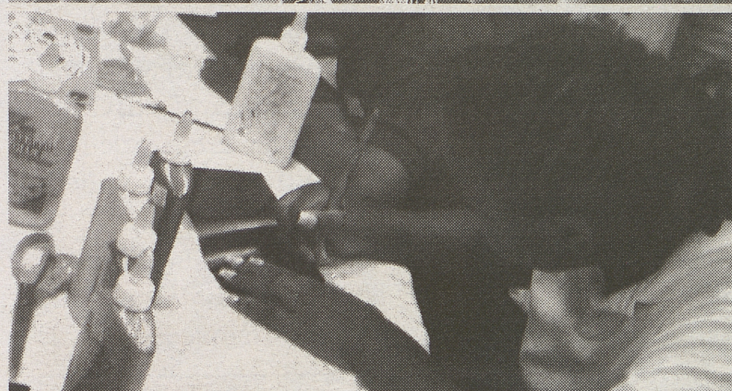
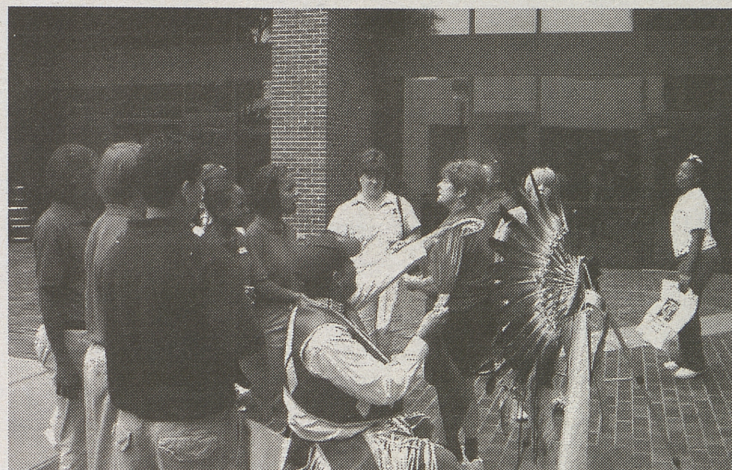
"I know we are lucky to live in the United States, but I really had no idea how unbalanced wealth and opportunity are in the world," Freshman Tocar Robinson said.



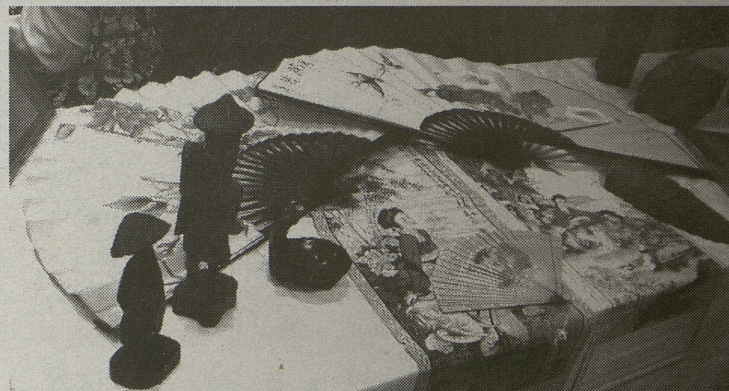
Clockwise from top: Flags of many nations decorate Apache Rooms; Traditional dress from the South Pacific; Nigerian Students Stepahnie Idio and Efi Umana model headdresses; Students display treasures of Israel; Student peruses German information; Booth displays Colombian facts







*Clockwise from top left:  
Joe Martinez cleanses visitors  
spirit; Dress and artifacts from  
Mexico; Wooden treasures from  
Kenya; Fans and artwork at  
China's booth; Elementary  
student participates in Tyler  
Museum of Art activities*



## If the World Were a Village...

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like this:

- 57 Asians
- 21 Europeans
- 8 Africans
- 14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north and south
- 52 would be female
- 48 would be male
- 70 would be non-white
- 30 would be white
- 70 would be non-Christians
- 30 would be Christians
- 89 would be heterosexual
- 11 would be homosexual
- 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States
- 80 would live in substandard housing
- 70 would be unable to read
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition
- 1 would be near death
- 1 would be near birth
- 1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education
- 1 would own a computer

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and communication becomes glaringly apparent. International Day helps us learn that.



## WB-UPN merger increases number of series' finales

By Anthony Williams  
Editor

May television always means airing several series' finales, but this year might set a record.

The WB and UPN networks will shut down to combine into The CW, one new network, in September. Combining two network lineups into one will leave many casualties.

The WB series "What I Like About You" has already ended its run, and "Charmed" is planning to wrap up in late May. The

WB announced last spring that its longest running series, "7th Heaven," would end this year. Speculation is that it may end on the WB to continue on the CW.

UPN has yet to make any programming decisions, although "One on One," "Eve" and "Cuts" appear in danger.

While it makes business sense to move to one network and increase nationwide coverage, the merger will undoubtedly cut the number of shows starring and/or featuring minorities,

as do many UPN shows.

Executives have not announced their lineup, but several shows appear destined for the new network: "America's Next Top Model," "Smallville," "Everybody Hates Chris," "Supernatural," "Girlfriends," "Gilmore Girls" and "Veronica Mars." The CW is also planning a few pilots, like "Aquaman," so nothing is for sure.

Expect the ax to fall in mid-May, when all networks announce next year's schedules.

NBC's "Will & Grace" finishes its eight-year run May 18, with an hour-long finale featuring guest stars Harry Connick Jr., Bernadette Peters, Josh Lucas and Bobby Cannavale. An hour retrospective will precede the finale.

The one-hour finale of Fox's "That 70's Show" will be their 200th episode, with former stars Ashton Kutcher and Topher Grace expected to appear. While the finale will air opposite "Will & Grace" May 18, Fox will air

its retrospective at 7:37 p.m., May 11 following a preview of the next X-Men movie.

After many day and time changes, "Alias" still boasts a loyal following, but the action-packed drama featuring Jennifer Garner will end May 22, after five years. The two-hour finale could become three if ABC decides to air a retrospective.

"7th Heaven" is scheduled to end May 8, "Malcolm in the Middle" and "The West Wing" May 14 and "Charmed" May 21.

## 73 from TJC to run Komen Race

By Mikosha Phoenix  
Staff Writer

Early on May 13, activities at Bergfeld Park will begin when volunteers arrive at 6 a.m. for the 2006 Susan Komen Tyler Race for the Cure which begins at 8 a.m.

The \$18 registration fee benefits breast cancer patients and research seeking treatment and a cure. Sixty-nine people have signed up on the TJC team for races that vary from one mile to 5K, with contributions totaling \$1,242.

In addition, four others: Margaret and Elizabeth Ott, Devon Wiggins and Ellen Price entered the "Sleep in for the Cure" category at \$25 each, bringing TJC's total contribution to \$1,342.

The TJC team consists of: Raffe Andrewartha, Stacey Andrewartha, Bailey Booth, Janet Booth, Jeanie

Brookshire, Suzan Burgett, Michael Carey, Tammy Carnes, Kimberly Cathey, Angelle Chappuis, Kaylea Clay and Lexa Clay.

Others are: Alice Crawford, Linda Cross, Cindy Crye, Holly Dawson, Pamela Dawson, Kay Endecott, Clara Fitts, Angela Fitts, Melissa Frick, Cody Frick, Tori Frick and Lydia Giles.

Dee Hamilton, Brenda Harris, Melissa Harris, Stacey Horne, Gay Howard, Emilee Hughes, Robin Insalaco, Jana Kimbrough, Brenda Klueppel, Gretchen Laird-Platt, Charlotte Latham and Sammy Latham are among TJC team members.

Melinda Lewis, Priscilla Mayer, Debbie Maynard, Stephanie Mayo, Cole Mettlen, Hunter Mettlen, Julie Mettlen, Andrea Miles, Tammy Minton, Angie

Morrow and Amanda Muehlstein will also participate in the race.

Stacy Nickerson, Debra North, Leigh Paul, Joanne Phillips, Ginny Powell, Molly Prater, Shannen Robinson, Madeleine Ross, Molly Sivadon and Joyce Smith are also participating.

Others include Victoria Stewart, Heather Vinson, Heather Waters, Sandi Waters, Debra Weaver, Leigh West, Sara Wilkerson, Brandi Windsor, Kelly Wood, Whitney Wright and John and Linda Zeigler.

"When you see a picture pinned to the back of a walker's shirt and under the picture it says, 'In memory of my wife, mother, sister or daughter,' it makes it all very real," TJC Communications Coordinator Jeanie Brookshire said. She has managed the TJC team sign-up for several years.

## Reception

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Fred Herschback Foreign Language Award and Cathy A. Krafve, Outstanding Spanish Student.

Journalism Honors: Miranda Nelson, Outstanding Journalism Student.

Life Sciences and Agriculture Honors: Ashley Bahr, Outstanding Biology Student and Tristen Herington, Outstanding Agriculture Student.

Mathematics Honors: Clint Green, Outstanding Mathematics Student.

Scholars Academy Honors: Scholars Academy Graduates: Sharon Andreason, Emily Biggs, Jennifer Clakley, Sarah Davis, Dawson Hefner, Brandye Hughes, Thomas Johnson, Brent Lundberg, Grant McFarland, Steven Mullen, Victoria Vaught and Anthony Williams.

Sign Language Honors: Crystal Brown, Outstanding Sign Language Student.

Social Science Honors: Brent Lundberg, Outstanding Economics Student, Cierra Dawn Lowery, Outstanding Geography Student, Catherine Ann Cavanaugh, Outstanding Government Student and Jami Alyson Clark, Outstanding History Student.

Speech and Theater Honors: Cody Wright Crawford, Outstanding Speech Student and Jarod Davis, Outstanding Theater Student.

Watson Wise Award: Emily Biggs.

The Outstanding Health and Kinesiology Student award has not been selected.



## Events offer stress relief

During finals week, students' stress levels seem to rise significantly. Students, faculty and staff are invited to "de-stress" before finals begin at the Apollo Night Talent Show at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Apache Rooms, and at other events Wednesday and Friday.

Admission to the Talent Show costs \$2, or \$1 with a nonperishable food item.

Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m., students can get an Aqua Massage in the Rogers Student Center faculty parking lot. Students will pay \$1 and faculty and staff will pay \$3.

The annual Spring Fling, Friday, May 5, will include crawfish, fair food and games at the Intramural field behind Ornelas HPE Center. Admission is free to students with I.D.

All proceeds from these events will benefit the Make a Wish foundation.

## Biology classes to study Big Bend

The biology department's third annual field trip to Big Bend will enable students to study native Texas plants.

Students must be enrolled in Biology 2471 Summer II for the July 12-17 trip.

The trip costs tuition for a four-hour credit course plus a fee of \$525 to cover transportation and other expenses.

Trip details will be delivered to the students via e-mail, Biology Instructor Jay

Herington said.

Before starting on the trip, students must sign a contract which specifies appropriate behavior and responsibilities expected of them. Any who violate the contract will be sent home and receive an "F" for the course.

Students will be accompanied by Herington and fellow Biology Instructor James Rozell.

Last summer, students went to the Texas Panhandle, where they studied biomes and ecoregions of Texas.

## Student Senate to meet May 2

The Student Senate will hold its last general meeting of the year at 4 p.m. May 2, in the Apache Rooms.

Newly elected officers, including President Billy Hays, will preside, having been inducted at the Senate banquet April 29.

## Dancefest 2006 opens May 5

The TJC Academy of Dance will present Dancefest 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, in Wise Auditorium. The program will feature a variety of dances from jazz to hip-hop, plus a performance of the prologue of "Sleeping Beauty."

"This program gives my students a chance to express themselves and use all the intangibles we try to teach in the dance program. It also gives the citizens of Tyler a chance to see some of the cultural arts offered in this area," Dance Instructor Jennifer Bailey said.

Tickets cost \$5 each at the cashier's office in White

Administrative Services Center.

## Library adds hours for finals

Vaughn Library will once again extend its hours for students as they prepare for final exams.

The Library will be open Sunday, May 7, from 1-9 p.m. and May 8-10 from 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Librarian Marian Jackson said.

On each night, the computer lab will shut down 30 minutes prior to closing, as usual.

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# Mensch, Apache Band end busy spring on a high note

By Sonier Elder  
Staff Writer

The TJC Apache Band will complete the academic year playing at TJC commencement May 13.

The Low Brass Band will play a studio recital performance at 7:30 p.m. May 2 in Jean Browne Theatre.

The Steel Band Ensemble, part of the Apache Band, played at a Steel Band Festival April 28-29 at North Harris County Community College in Houston, Band Director Thomas Mensch said.

These performances will end a busy semester for the Band, which included a trip to Heidelberg, Germany, where they performed at a U.S. Air Force base.

Other Apache Band performances include the percussion ensemble Monday and the Jazz Band Tuesday, both in Wise Auditorium. The two concert bands also performed April 26 at Wise.

Mensch said he is pleased with the Band. "Our goal is to play as much as we can," he said.

He said he regrets not being able to play as much at basketball games as they would have liked.

"It's been busier than the fall. I've been trying to recruit at high school venues," he said.

Outstanding band members include sophomore tuba player Clay Garrett, who won the Texas Music Directors Concerto Competition, sophomore clarinet player Alesandria Garcia

and freshman trombone player Nathaniel Gardner.

The 190 member Apache Band performs as two concert and jazz bands, a percussion and an indoor percussion band, steel band ensemble and woodwind and brass choirs.

Band faculty include Low Brass Instructor Heather Mensch, Applied Percussion Instructor Thomas McGowan and Woodwind Studies Instructor Adam Myers.

Other Apache Band projects include recording sessions for music publishers, demo recordings, community performances, hosting a Jazz Festival and playing at Northwestern State University in Louisiana, Mensch said.

Prospective band students must have played in their high school band. They can arrange a meeting with Mensch for auditions, ending in July.

"We need bassoon, horn and clarinet players. We play a diverse repertoire. The Concert Band usually sticks to classical pieces of music," Mensch said.

Mensch has directed the Apache Band for three years, and was previously band director at Robert E. Lee High School for three years as well.

A 1996 graduate of Pennsylvania State University Mensch came to Texas on the advice of his aunt, a band leader in Houston.

"My first love is music. I love playing the trombone.

Everybody in my family plays an instrument," he said.

Mensch plays lead trombone in the East Texas Jazz Orchestra, the Rose City Brass Quintet and at Colonial Hills Baptist Church.

His main goal is to help his band members become better students.

"I want the experience here to enrich their lives, learning how to relate better to people. Music is about reaching others on another level," he said.

Mensch is effusive in his praise for the TJC administration who have supported the music program. "They understand how important the fine arts program is and how community relations

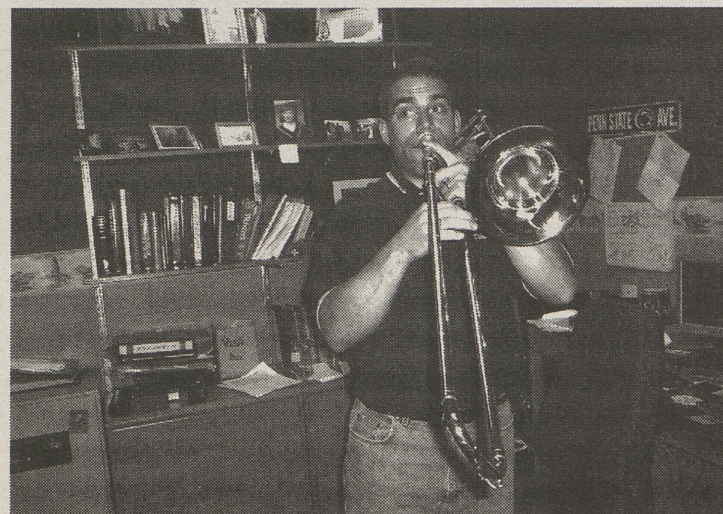


Photo by Sonier Elder

Band Director Thomas Mensch shows off his trombone skills.

can be improved by a good fine arts program," he said.

He would like the Apache Band to win the Sudler Flag of Honor Award, which has never been won by a community college band, but reiterates his main goal.

"I'm just trying to make a difference. I don't care about awards. I want the people that were in my program to be thankful that they were in the program. To be better people, that's my ultimate goal," he said.

## Rotary honors Crawford, Biggs

By Trey Foster  
Staff Writer

Emily Biggs and Cody Crawford won this year's Tyler Rotary Club Young Citizens Awards.

Crawford is a broadcast journalism major and Biggs is a psychology major.

"At first I didn't know what was going on. People kept coming up to me and saying congratulations and I didn't know what it was for, but when I found out that I won I was so flattered I didn't know what to say," Crawford said.

Crawford is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the

Baptist Student Ministries. He is also vice president of Las Macaras and has performed the lead roles in "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," "Children of a Lesser God" and "Scapino." He plans to attend Texas Tech University this fall.

Biggs is also the recipient of the Waston Wise Incentive Award.

"I was ecstatic to be the winner of these awards. It just made me feel like people at TJC recognized all the hard work I had put in," Biggs said with a smile.

Biggs is vice president of Phi Theta Kappa and an active member of the Schol-

ars Academy.

She has been selected to the 2006 All-Texas Academic Team and Who's Who Among American Community and Junior College Students. She has also been nominated for the 2006 USA Today All-USA Academic Team, as well as the 2006 Texas Junior Colleges Student Government Association Student of the Year.

She plans to transfer to the University of Texas in Austin.

The Rotary Club will honor the students at 11:45 a.m. May 12 in the Apache Rooms.



# Hollywood to fill summer with blockbuster movies

By Miranda Nelson  
Editor

Summer is a time for barbecues, fireworks and staying cool in the sweltering heat. It's also a time for blockbuster movies.

This summer marks the end of a journey for some, the beginning for others. From unlocking the secrets of famous paintings to the return of a classic hero, summer movies are sure to tantalize the minds of people of all ages.

June, when children out of school need something to entertain them, "Cars," should prove a great distracter. The latest animation from Disney, which opens June 9, follows a rookie race car that gets sidetracked on the way to a

championship race. Lending their voices to the film are: Paul Newman, Owen Wilson, Bonnie Hunt, "Larry the Cable Guy," Cheech Marin, George Carlin, Michael Keaton, Tony Shalhoub and John Ratzenberger.

"Click," another comedy from Adam Sandler, arrives June 23. An architect finds a remote that lets him fast-forward and rewind to different times in his life. Christopher Walken, Kate Beckinsale, Sean Astin and Henry Winkler are in the cast.

The return of a classic hero hits screens June 30 in "Superman Returns." In this version of the endless legacy of the caped crusader, Superman returns

from a long absence to find the world has survived without him. As an old enemy tries to render Superman powerless, the "Man of Steel" attempts to save the world from destruction yet again.

July brings a myriad of movies, but none more anticipated than the sequel to 2003's "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl." Opening July 7, "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" chronicles the adventures of Captain Jack Sparrow and his misfit crew. In this sequel, Captain Jack finds out that the debt he owes to Davy Jones and will cost his life. Reprising their roles from the first film are: Orlando Bloom, Keira

Knightley, Jack Davenport and Jonathan Pryce.

One television show being transformed into a movie is "Miami Vice," which opens July 28. This version of the popular 80's TV show stars Colin Farrell and Jamie Foxx as two very different cops paired to fight crime in south Florida.

Although August brings hot temperatures, this year it might also bring a hot debate. "World Trade Center," opening Aug. 9, tells the story of two Port Authority policemen trapped under the rubble of the fallen towers. It follows their families as well as their rescuers. Nicolas Cage, Michael Peña, Maria Bello, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Jay Hernandez star.

"Clerks" fans who have hoped for a sequel to the cult favorite find their wait is over. "Clerks II," opening Aug. 18, follows the lives of Dante and Randall, along with the mischievous Jay and Silent Bob, as they enter their 30s and adult responsibilities. Brian O'Halloran, Jeff Anderson, Jason Mewes and Kevin Smith reprise their original roles.

Movies can inspire, awe, shock and thoroughly entertain viewers like no other medium. The summer offers a wild ride of eye-catching, tear-jerking, laugh-out-loud, action-packed films sure to have Oscar potential. More information can be found at [www.comingsoon.net](http://www.comingsoon.net).

## Texas Attorney General urges all to attend crime meeting

By Lady Redding  
Editor

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and his Cyber Crimes Unit investigators will host a town hall-style meeting at 6:30 p.m. May 11 in Wise Auditorium to discuss the growing problem of sexual predators pursuing children online.

Abbott urges high school students and parents of children of all ages to attend. Students in middle school should only attend at their parents' discretion.

Abbott launched the Cyber Crimes Unit in May 2003. Since that time, they have arrested 76 men from 17 Texas counties and Indonesia who used the Internet

to procure meetings with underage victims. Forty men have been convicted on child pornography charges.

Abbott also formed the Fugitive Unit to search out convicted child sex offenders who have violated their parole. They have arrested 275 of these delinquents, in addition to 48 unregistered offenders.

The Internet has made it easier for predators to find victims anonymously. National statistics show one out of five children will be solicited for sex online in the next year.

"My Cyber Crimes Unit has seen first-hand the dangerous criminals that prey on children and teenagers in

internet chat rooms, personal web pages and social networking sites," Abbott said.

Abbott will address the environment teens and children face online and the way predators use this to find potential victims. He will also help parents to understand chat room slang.

"I especially encourage high school students to participate in our discussion about safety using social networking web sites like MySpace, Friendster and Xanga without compromising personal information that could unintentionally lead predators to them and their families," Abbott said.

The presentation will al-

low parents to ask questions and get copies of the Attorney General's "Internet Safety for Parents" video. The video presents advice on noticing warning signs that their children are releasing too much information on the Internet.

In related news, the U. S. Marshal's office successfully completed their national sting Operation Falcon April 10 arresting more than 10,000 offenders nationally, including 1,100 for sex crimes, and 155 locally, [usmarshals.gov](http://usmarshals.gov) reports.

The sting focused on fugitives convicted of crimes against children and the elderly, organized crime, non-registered sex offenders and

drug-related offenders. The sting covered 17 states using the combined powers of federal, state, city and county law officials. The sting during National Crime Victims' Week, made the largest number of arrests of any sting operation.

In recent weeks, there has been a proliferation of sex crime stings in the media. The April 26 airing of "To Catch A Predator" on "Dateline" was the fourth sting designed to lure predators to homes where they thought they would meet an underage victim. Instead they were greeted by law enforcement. To date, they have exposed over 90 men.



## Jobs, rising gas prices affect campus commuter students

By Katie Hall  
Staff Writer

Many TJC students commute from towns surrounding Tyler, some driving hours each day.

Some of these students manage to stay involved with TJC activities and events, but most find it difficult to do so because of gas prices, work conflicts and the overall hassle of having to travel such distances.

Sophomore Amber Brooks from Lindale travels half an hour to get to TJC because it is cheaper and more convenient for her. Driving an hour each school day affects her life.

"Socially, traveling from Lindale every day does not affect me that much. I play

volleyball here, so I get to meet a lot of people through the athletic department. It does affect me somewhat academically. In the hour I spend driving to and from school each day, I could be getting things done for my classes," Brooks said.

Despite spending an hour a day driving, Brooks plays on the volleyball team. She attends other sports events to support TJC and her classmates, but she admits living outside of Tyler prevents her from attending all the TJC events she would like to.

"If I didn't have to drive 30 minutes to get to the school, I would probably be able to participate more," Brooks said.

Even so, she said she is dedicated to TJC and will travel an extra half hour a day if she needs to.

"I don't think that I'm missing out on that much because of the travel time. If there is anything important enough for me to attend, I will always make the effort to be there," she said.

Freshman Sarah Ponder, who also travels from Lindale, feels she uses up valuable study time when she is driving.

"I spend more time driving when I could be studying. I had to learn the hard way about studying in the car on my way to school," Ponder said.

The cost of gas for students who commute to TJC affects how much students can be involved in campus activities.

"I don't get to participate in many activities or events because I don't want to drive so far, especially when gas is almost \$3 a gallon," Ponder said.

Freshman Tim Carista from Canton travels approximately two hours a day to attend school. He finds it more difficult to be as involved with TJC as he would like. He prefers to spend most of his time in his hometown where his job and girlfriend are.

"I make friends here, but because we all come from various towns, it makes it difficult to hang out with anyone outside of class," Carista said.

Traveling long distances is not the only factor that prevents students from attending TJC events.

"I work all the time, so I

really can't afford to ask off and then drive an hour to Tyler. It would be more convenient if I did live around here. I would definitely become more involved with TJC," Carista said.

Freshman Amanda Thomas travels a 45-minute drive to and from Hallsville once a week. Work conflicts often prevent her from attending TJC functions.

"Sometimes, when I want to go to the TJC games or other activities I can't because I am always either at work or just too far away," Thomas said.

The only way the long distance affects her socially or academically is when she does not wake up early enough to make it to school in time, Thomas said.

## TJC student wins Miss Tyler crown

By Lady Redding  
Editor

Freshman communications major Mollianna Redding, 2006 Miss Tyler USA, will compete in the Miss Texas USA competition June 25, which will be televised live on KLTV.

Redding won a \$2,000 scholarship to the University of Texas at Tyler, a competition wardrobe, Premiere Fitness membership and a dental package in addition to her crown and ring. She is one of only three competitors to win both Miss Tyler USA and Miss Teen Tyler USA.

Redding said she will be expected to appear at local functions such as the Rose Parade, the Azalea Trail and local ribbon cuttings. She looks forward to using her crown to work with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tyler and the Youth Literacy program.

"I don't want to just move on [to Miss Texas USA] after my win," Redding said.

She started pageantry competition because a friend in Miss Tyler Teen USA and her mom encouraged her.

"My family is very proud of me," she said.

## High schoolers display artwork, win scholarships to attend TJC

By Danielle Smith  
Staff Writer

Art by students in local high schools was displayed in the Art Club lobby in mid-April.

This show gives the high school artists a chance to display their work and compete for art department scholarships, Art Instructor Derrick White said.

TJC art faculty selected the top four works to receive the scholarships. Art Club members decided together which students would receive the scholarships.

Art Instructor Derrick White believes showing high school students' art is a good experience in many ways.

"The purpose of the show is to showcase the artists' ability and their level of talent," White said, "It also allows the high school artist a chance to be seen and have a chance to get offered a scholarship to work in the finest art department in the nation!"

Jose Dockens of Lindale and Mary Evelyn Coles of Spring Hill received \$1,000

scholarships.

Mallori MorDecai of All Saints, Amber Watson of Elysian Fields, Caitlyn Weedon of Rains, Johan Gonzalez of John Tyler and Taylor Bush of Robert E. Lee received \$500 scholarships.

The \$500 Art Club scholarship went to Reagan Fair from Lee. Brad Taylor from Lee, Michael Sisco and Michael Lawrence from Canton and Crystal Trent from Lindale also received awards of recognition.



## Chemistry major wins \$5,000 Guistewwhite Scholarship

By Sonier Elder  
Staff Writer

Sophomore chemistry major Christopher Robert Lee won the \$5,000 national Phi Theta Kappa Guistewwhite Scholarship.

Lee, 24, whose grade point average is 4.0, is the sixth winner from TJC and one of only 20 students in the nation to win the award.

Biology Instructor Cathryn Cates, TJC PTK adviser, said she is very proud of Lee.

"Chris Lee, our 2006 Guistewwhite Scholar, is an excellent example of a student that strives for academic excellence as well as volunteering his time to campus community service," Cates said.

Lee also won the PTK Leaders of Promise, Texas Star and Patterson Memorial scholarships.

Lee plans to complete his degree at Brigham Young University, and then attend medical school in Texas. Married, with a 10-month-old son, he is mindful of the challenges ahead. "It's really difficult for anyone to get into medical school as a non-traditional student who's supporting a family," he said. Lee already sticks to a rigid schedule.

"I try to go to bed early and study early in the morning. I don't believe in staying up late. I find that I study much better in the morning," he said.

Lee says those close to him are surprised at his success because he had no idea what wanted to do after high school. The turning point came when he spent 13 months in Brazil as a missionary.

"I learned to speak fluent

Portuguese. I did three months of intensive language training and then I went out and lived with the Brazilians, and in eight months I was fluent," he said.

Lee was considering majoring in history or religion, but he wanted a career that would challenge him.

"Honestly, when it all comes down to it, I want to help people," he said.

Lee praises TJC for the opportunity to discover his talents.

"I am very happy with TJC, very impressed with the quality of education and the overall experience," he said.

Two instructors interested him in chemistry: Instructor Dr. Idalia Trent and Department Chair Rodney Whetzel.

"[Dr. Trent] is very ex-

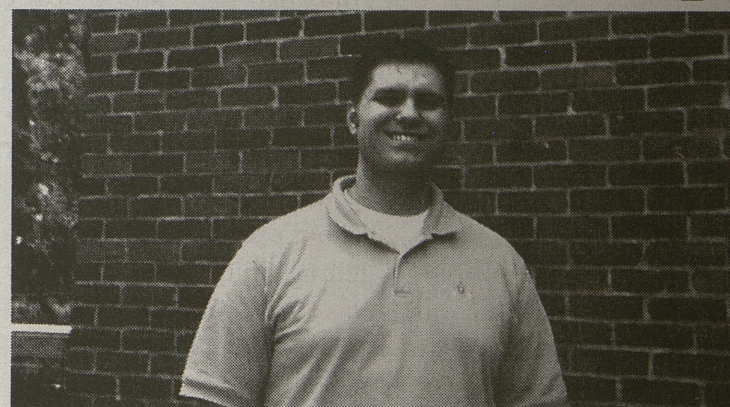


Photo by Sonier Elder

Sophomore chemistry major Christopher Lee won the \$5,000 national Phi Theta Kappa Guistewwhite Scholarship.

cited about chemistry and got me excited," he said. "Whetzel was the hardest teacher I've ever had, but he challenged me to work harder to get the grades I want."

Lee works three jobs to support himself and his family. He is deeply grateful to his wife.

"My wife has been extremely supportive and I know it will be tough. A doctor is gone a lot, yet she

is supportive, staying home with the baby," he said.

Lee, member of the Church of Latter Day Saints, credits his faith in God for his success. "My ultimate example is Jesus," he explained. He advises students to find their talents.

"We are all children of God and we all have a potential. Our God is going to give us the tools, but it is up to us whether we are going to use them," Lee said.

### Demolition begins...



Earlier this semester, plans to tear down the old Taco Bell building were put into motion.

Set for April 1, the demolition was delayed as officials reconsidered moving several offices to the site, Brian Turman said.

The new lot, which will hold 60 parking spaces for TJC students, should be open by June 1.

## Roller derby skates into Tyler

By Melissa Kiser  
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A new craze has come to East Texas, Roller Derby. Believe it or not, Roller Derby was created back in the 1930s by Leo Seltzer, but it did not become popular until the late '60s and early '70s, according to skatelog.com. Now it's back in full swing in Tyler.

Each team has five women. No more than 10 women can be on the track at a time. Those five skaters on each team will be a pivot, a jammer and three blockers.

The idea is to have the pivot and blockers skating in a tight formation, no more than an arm's length apart, according to the game rules.

The jammers are the point scorers. In the two-minutes of play the jammers try to score as many points possible.

Points are scored when the jammer skates past each opposing team's blockers. They earn one point per blocker passed. The jammer can also score a point by completely passing the opposing jammer, which is

called a grand slam. The jam is over when the time is up, or the jammer calls it off because of points scored, or if the ref calls it off because of a penalty.

Kendra Stee and Valerie Duncan are co-captains for the East Texas Bombers Team in Tyler. They practice at 6:30 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday evenings at the Rosedale Skating Rink.

Any woman, 18 or older, who wants to join the Team is invited to any practice. For more information, log on to easttexasbombers.com



## Several former Apache athletes move on in professional ranks

By Nathan Hague  
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The TJC athletic department has recruited many talented athletes and sent them to pro teams. They have had success both on and off the field.

Dominic Rhodes, a talented young running back, plays for the Indianapolis Colts. The Colts started off 13-0 last year, but finished shy of the Super Bowl. When star running back Edgerrin James left Indianapolis to sign with the Arizona Cardinals, Rhodes became temporary starter.

"I'm ready to help this team reach what we didn't reach last year," Rhodes said, according to an Indianapolis Star story. "I'm getting ready to have a very productive season and show everybody who thinks because Edge is gone, we're going to have a vulnerable spot at running back. I'm here to stay."

Former Apache wide receiver Robert Ferguson performed well for the Green Bay Packers last season. With the absence of Jevan Walker, three-time MVP quarterback Brett Favre threw more balls to Robert Ferguson than he had before.

Walker wants an exit out of Green Bay, and if he gets it, Ferguson may step up to the No. 2 receiver or better. Ferguson transferred from TJC to Texas A&M University, where he set a school record of 885 yards receiv-

ing in a single season.

Punter Mitch Berger, after spending two years here, went to the University of Colorado and in 1994 was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles. After only one season in Philly, he played for the Minnesota Vikings from 1996-2001, then the St. Louis Rams for a year. Since 2003, he has been playing for the New Orleans Saints. Berger's longest punt was 75 yards, bringing his current average to 43.2 yards.

Other former Apaches in the National Football League include: Derick Armstrong, Jonathan Combs, Curtis Fuller, Jeremy Loyd, Paris Hamilton and Jacoby Shepherd.

The most recent former Apache to sign with the NFL was basketball star Byron Parker, who first went to the Canadian Football League. Last fall he signed with the Dallas Cowboys.

Robert Pack earned All-State Basketball honors as a sophomore at TJC, and led the Apaches to a 50-11 record in his two years. Pack played for the University of Southern California, where he became the fourth all-time leader in assists in just two years, and the fourth member of the Trojans to put up 100 assists in back-to-back seasons.

Pack was drafted into the National Basketball Association by the Portland Trailblazers in 1991. He

also played for Denver, Washington, New Jersey, Dallas, Minnesota and New Orleans, before he retired from the NBA in 2004 and finished his career with the Nets.

"We have a number of athletes working their way up the ladder in college and professional baseball, and it's exciting to see it," Head Coach Jon Groth said. The most recent signing was between former All-American Pitcher Brandon Pello and the Florida Marlins. Pello played at TJC two years starting in 2003.

Groth said, "We're all excited and proud that Brandon has signed with the Marlins, and I'm thrilled that he'll get the chance to work his way up towards the Major Leagues with a major league organization."

In 1993, The first Apache to go to major league baseball was Ben Bronson to the Kansas City Royals. Jeb Morris is a catcher in the Oakland A's and Jared Wells is a pitcher in the San Diego Padres system.

Groth credits their accomplishments to hard work. "Many hours, days, weeks, months and years of very hard work goes into any athlete's venture into college and professional baseball. We spend a lot of time working very hard at becoming all that we can become as athletes. In season and out of season, it's what drives us," he said.



Photo by Anthony Williams

The Apache defense attempts to block a field goal kick at the spring football game April 21.

## Apaches clash April 21 in annual spring game

By Anthony Williams  
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Fans filled bleachers and lined the fences to watch the Apache offense and defense clash at the annual spring football game April 21 at Pat Hartley Field.

Returning quarterback John Weed threw two touchdowns, a 56-yarder to Johnny Knox and a 35-yarder to Dionte Dean.

The Apaches will start the 2006 regular season Aug. 26 at Hutchinson

Community College in Kansas. In non-conference action, TJC will play Trinity Valley at Chapel Hill High School, before facing Kilgore.

The Apaches' will play their first true home game will be at Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium Sept. 23 against Navarro.

The Tyler ISD Board recently approved naming the playing field at Rose Stadium in honor of Tyler football great Earl Campbell.

Despite the success on the field, Groth is more proud of the accomplishments off of it.

"I truly and sincerely get more satisfaction from phone calls, e-mails or letters and cards from former players that highlight some of the life lessons they learn while here at TJC under our direction. We consistently teach respect, accountability, responsibility, integrity

and character through the game of baseball and the things we do and how we do them. No one is perfect, but in the process of disciplining yourself as an athlete, you make significant sacrifices in your life. Lessons of hard work, giving to others, teamwork, are things that will far outlast any one of my players who earns awards on the field," Groth said.